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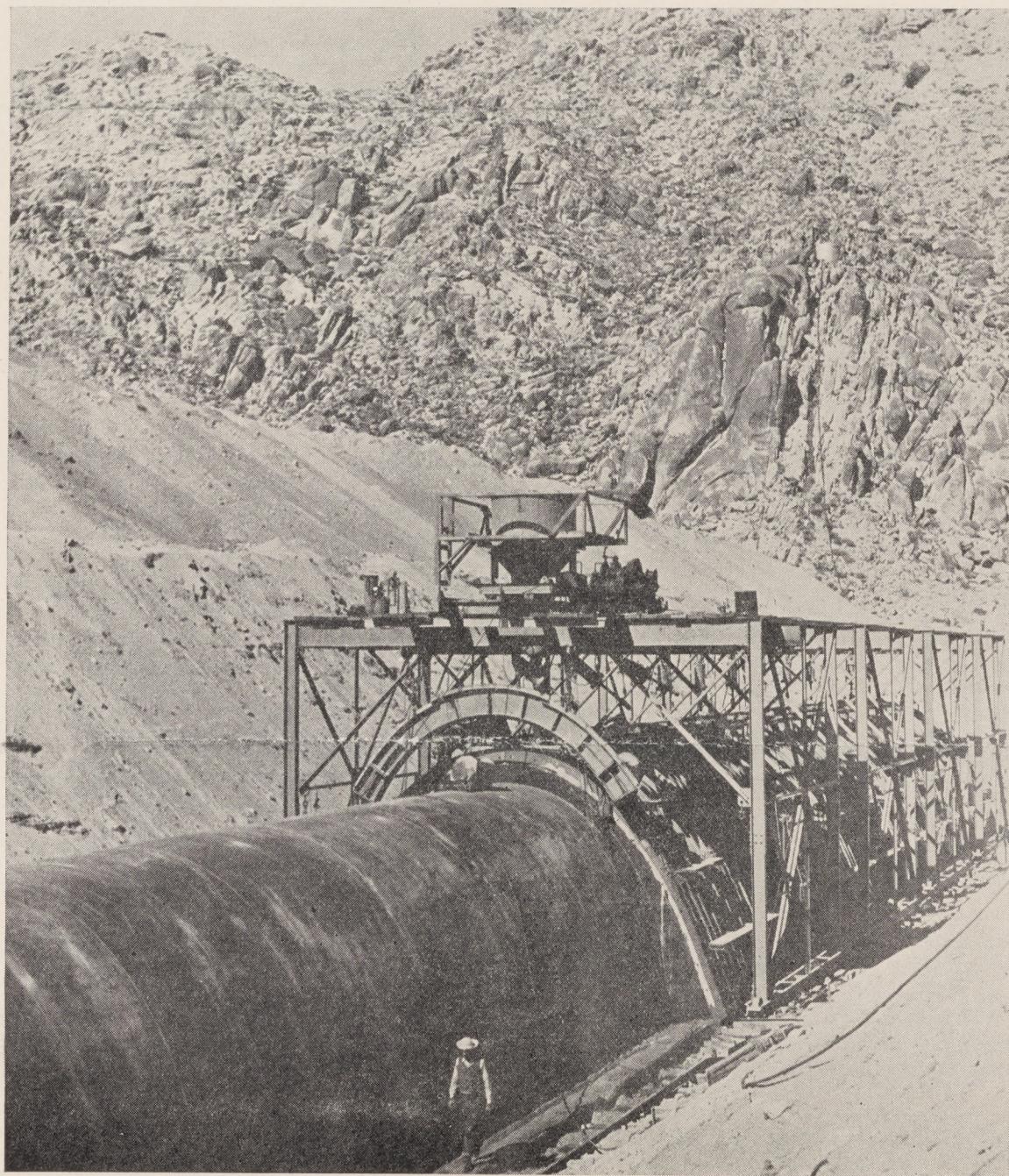


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THE EVOLUTION OF AN AQUEDUCT CONDUIT

Compare this view of Thompson-Starrett conduit construction with the one on the cover of the last issue of the NEWS for a graphic demonstration of how rapidly the aqueduct is moving.

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CONGRATULATIONS !

If Walter Winchell were writing this, he would say, "An orchid to you Mr. Bewley;"

Personally, we can't imagine William Bewley, veteran of twenty-five unbroken months on the aqueduct, being very much interested in an orchid—so we'll stick to the old fashioned way, and say "Congratulations, Bill!"

And we mean it! If ever congratulations were in order they are in the case of William Bewley of Thousand Palms, winner of the NEWS' contest to determine the holder of the longest unbroken service record on the aqueduct among construction forces.

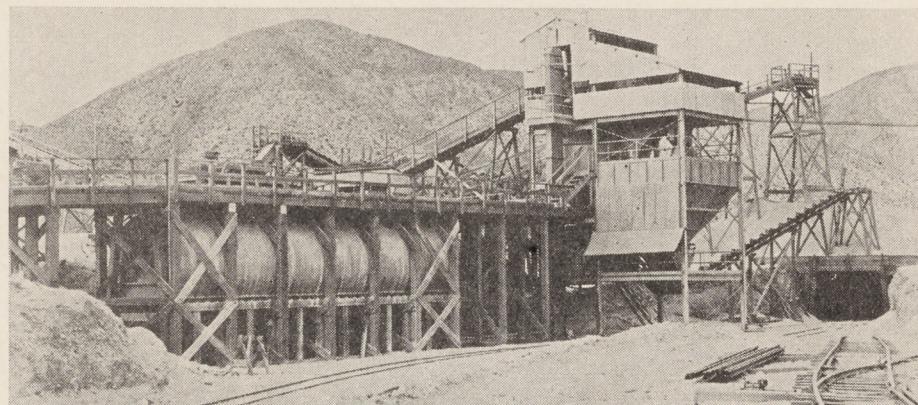
Bill went to work at Thousand Palms on January 16, 1933. When February 15, 1935, rolled around not only had he worked 25 months, but he had worked them without missing a single shift for any cause whatsoever. And he's still at the same old stand today, and still not missing any shifts.

Splendid as is his record, Mr. Bewley did not win at a walk by any means. In other columns of the NEWS will be found the names of nearly a dozen other aqueduct workers whose performance has lacked but a few days of equalling that of the champion.

Deserving of special mention (and condolences) is Agenor Giron of Fargo who, except for a close-down period at Fargo, might have won the prize. Rules are rules, however, and in this case they specifically required that records must not be interrupted for any cause whatsoever.

So, William Bewley is the winner. To him a bound copy of Volume 1 of the NEWS, a certificate signed by Chairman W. P. Whitsett and General Manager Weymouth, and the heartiest congratulations of everyone for a grand record.

To those kindly souls who pitied the editor in his travail, and sent in a goodly supply of items, he extends heartfelt thanks—and this fervent plea—keep it up!



Wide Canyon Aggregate Plant

WIDE CONCRETING LAUNCHED

Concreting operations in Coachella Division tunnels were getting under way last week as District crews at Wide No. 2 tunnel completed the placing of concrete for the 17 feet of modified conduit on the west, 848 feet for the tunnel, and 23 feet of modified conduit on the east. A total of 3,127 cubic yards of concrete had been placed up to March 9, using a total of 4,408 barrels of cement, including 10 barrels in rejected batches.

At the Fargo Canyon gravel and concrete plant, a crew of eleven men is employed. The railroad grade is completed and approximately 60 per cent of the track has been laid. Excavation for the batching bins is approximately 60 per cent complete, the framing for the tunnel under the waste dump 20 per cent complete, and the office building 100 per cent complete.

APPROVE HAULING CONTRACT

Approving a recommendation of General Manager F. E. Weymouth, the board of directors of the District has awarded a four-year contract to the Southern Pacific Company for the transportation of cement to various railheads and construction points along 120 miles of the Colorado River Aqueduct line.

The contract involves the hauling of cement for the aqueduct area between Coxcomb tunnel and the Potrero shaft.

The contract price was \$966,508, covering the transportation of 2,638,000 barrels of cement.

For aqueduct work east of Coxcomb, Santa Fe rates to railheads already have been accepted, and the board authorized that cement be hauled from railheads to the job by the construction contractors, except in one case where the calling for new bids was ordered.

SAN JACINTO DECISION MADE

District forces were proceeding with San Jacinto tunnel construction work this week following action by United States District Judge William P. James on March 7 granting a motion of counsel for the District to dismiss an application for an injunction asked by the Wenzel & Henoch Construction Co.

The Wenzel and Henoch contract was suspended by the district on January 15th on the grounds that there was "unreasonable and unnecessary" delay in the work. Following suspension of the contract, the District proceeded with the job with its own forces.

PARKER WORK MOVES AHEAD

Six Companies, Inc., through its subcontractor, the J. F. Shea Company, continued last week with excavation of the diversion tunnel outlet channel and portal cuts at Parker Dam. The channel cut has been leveled approximately

down to bridge grade. Waste rock is being used on the beginning of the road over the surface to the upper tunnel portals and gravel plant. Meanwhile, work on government camp construction is about 75 per cent complete.



Aqueduct old-timers—Top row: Roderick McLeod, Rudie Uppenkanip, William Bewley (center), Ben Nichols, and Joe Shaffer. Bottom row: Bennie Ross, Joe Aftuck, Agenor Giron.

and Paul Murdock. Others who evaded the cameraman are J. W. Hildebrand, Ralph Snarr, A. C. Mathewson, and Ralph Crisswell.

WILLIAM BEWLEY OF THOUSAND PALMS WINS AQUEDUCT SERVICE RECORD CONTEST; OTHERS CLOSE TO TITLE

Twenty-five months without missing a single shift!

Such is the record which entitles William Bewley, mucker at Thousand Palms Camp on the Coachella Division, to recognition as the holder of the longest record of uninterrupted service on Colorado River Aqueduct construction work.

The contest was open only to members of construction forces, engineers, superintendents and clerical workers being ineligible.

Award of the championship to Mr. Bewley was made following receipt of more than a dozen entries from all sections of the Aqueduct line. The winner will receive a bound copy of Volume 1 of the *AQUEDUCT NEWS* and a certificate signed by Chairman Whitsett and General Manager Weymouth.

Champion Bewley—whose home address is 5949 Rose Avenue, Long Beach—went to work at Thousand Palms on January 16, 1933, and in the 25 months which had elapsed up to February 15, 1935, had not missed a shift other than those granted for regular lay-offs.

A close competitor was Paul Murdock, motorman at Berdoo, who was employed on February 3, 1933, did not miss a shift in 24 months and 10 days of service.

Roderick W. McLeod went to work

at Thousand Palms on February 20, 1933, as a carpenter and timber framer. Though he was transferred to Wide Canyon Camp, he did not lose a shift in the process—nor has he lost one for any other reason.

Just three days later—on February 23, 1933, Rudie Uppenkamp was employed as a compressorman at Berdoo, giving him a record of 23 months and 21 days of uninterrupted service.

On April 18, 1933, Ralph Snarr took over his duties as chief electrician for Hamilton & Gleason on the Bernasconi tunnel—and hasn't missed a shift since.

Hoistman J. W. Hildebrand went to work for the Dravo Contracting Company on May 8, 1933, at Valverde tunnel, and has lost no shifts since that day.

J. F. Shea Company's candidate was A. C. Mathewson, who has been a machinist on the Cottonwood job since May 29, 1933, making a record of 20 months and 18 days without interruption.

Ben Nichols started to work with Winston Brothers at East Coxcomb tunnel on June 10, 1933, and has never missed a shift since.

Joe Shaffer has been employed by Winston Brothers on the same job since June 19, 1933. He has worked as a carpenter, timber framer, and miner.

The entry of L. E. Dixon-Bent Broth-

ers, Inc., was Steel Sharpener Joseph Aftuck, who started to work on July 6, 1933, the first day that Dixon & Bent opened up their Eagle Mountain camp.

Bennie Ross, of Utah Construction Company's West Iron Mountain job, didn't win the prize, but he unquestionably holds some kind of record. He worked as an underground pipe man without losing a shift from August 31, 1933, to December 26, 1934—and during that time never left camp at any time during day or night and never missed a meal in the camp dining room.

Hunkin-Conkey Construction Company entered Ralph Crisswell, mucking machine operator, who started to work at Hayfield No. 1 on September 7, 1933, and has not missed a shift since.

Agenor Giron can blame the fates for not winning the prize. He went to work at Fargo as a powderman on January 14, 1933—which would give him a record of 25 months and 21 days. Unfortunately, however, Fargo closed down from August 30 to September 10, inclusive—thus ruining an otherwise perfect record.

Serious consideration was given to the Giron record, but a strict interpretation of the rules (no interruptions for any reason whatsoever) made it impossible for the judges to award him the prize.



Prof. R. L. Daugherty of Caltech and Ralph Watson of the District staff, at the control desk of the aqueduct pump laboratory.

PROF. DAUGHERTY DESCRIBES DISTRICT PUMP LABORATORY

Wide interest among aqueduct engineers and technical men everywhere is being evidenced in a paper prepared recently by Professor R. L. Daugherty of California Institute of Technology on the Metropolitan Water District Pump Testing Laboratory located on the Caltech campus.

The design and operation of the laboratory is under the direction of Professor Daugherty, Professor Theodor von Karman, and Professor Robert T. Knapp of the Institute, and R. M. Peabody, senior mechanical engineer of the District, all associated with Chief Electrical Engineer J. M. Gaylord.

The purpose of the Caltech experiments is to increase the efficiency of pumps to a higher point than ever before attained, and, as a result, to lower aqueduct operating cost.

In estimating the cost of constructing and operating the aqueduct system, district engineers based their figures upon standard pumping equipment. Use of such standard equipment in all parts of the world have long since demonstrated that it is feasible and economical to lift water to the heights and in the quantities provided for on the Colorado River Aqueduct. The sole purpose of the Caltech tests is to increase these standard efficiencies to a point where a substantial saving will be effected by the district.

Presented herewith are excerpts from Professor Daugherty's paper, describing the purposes and equipment of the laboratory:

"Since it is estimated that with all the pumps in operation a variation of one per cent in their efficiency will cause a variation in the cost of electric energy of \$50,000 per year, it may be seen that it is necessary to endeavor to secure as high an efficiency as possible, and also to do as much as possible to maintain that efficiency for a long period of time. The attainment of a high efficiency depends not only upon the skill and experience of the designer and manufacturer but also upon the designer being given the optimum specifications for him to work under.

"Among the questions to which the engineers of the District desire answers before proceeding to formulate specifications are the following: (a) Should the pumps be single suction or double suction? (b) What is the maximum allowable head per stage, or in other words should a single-stage or two-stage pump be used for the higher head plants? (c) What should be the rotative speeds which should be used in each one of the five plants? The answer to this question affects the initial cost of the pumps and motors and also has a bearing upon the efficiency that can be attained. (d) What should be the minimum pressure

permitted at the entrance to the pump impellers? The answer to this question determines the depth of excavation necessary at each pumping plant in order to set the pumps at the proper depth. Too great a depth of setting means an unnecessary expense for excavation and building construction. Too high an elevation for the pumps means that cavitation will be produced. This tends to reduce the capacity of the pumps, to lower their efficiency, to produce vibration, to produce pitting which will rapidly wear out the pumps and thus cause frequent shut-downs for repairs and replacements of impellers, and in general produce operating difficulties. No matter how good the pumps themselves may be, unless they are set at the proper depth their performance will always be unsatisfactory. (e) What will be the behavior of the pumps when the power is suddenly shut off either by accident or otherwise? In such a case the water in the discharge line will tend not only to stop the pump but will operate it in the reverse direction as a turbine at run-away speed. (f) What control equipment will be necessary in the discharge line to bring the water to rest in the case of a pump shut-down without producing or permitting dangerous surges? The control equipment might in some cases be almost as costly as the pumping units themselves. (g) What is the efficiency that might be expected for these pumps? (h) Is it possible to make any changes in present designs so as to improve existing efficiencies?

"In order to assist the engineers of the District in this matter a hydraulic laboratory for this purpose was installed at the California Institute of Technology. The laboratory has already been completed and testing work is now actively under way."

(To be Continued)

Safety On the Aqueduct

Indicating that they definitely mean business about safety, the Utah Construction Company, J. F. Shea Co., the Aqueduct Construction Co., Six Companies, Inc., and Wood & Bevanda, as well as the subcontractors, von der Hellen & Pierson, Fredrickson & Watson and Anderson Bros. Supply Co., are holding regular monthly safety meetings, according to a report from Safety Engineer N. A. Jarrett.

MONTH'S AQUEDUCT WORK REVIEWED BY GENERAL MANAGER

(EDITOR'S NOTES *The following is a brief summary of some of the District activities as set forth in the monthly report of General Manager and Chief Engineer Weymouth, filed with the Board of Directors in March, covering the work during February.*)

Legal Division

In addition to other legal work in connection with the aqueduct, all necessary documents to secure payment of Interim Certificate No. 20 in the principal sum of \$2,016,000 were prepared, and payment of the certificate was made on February 20.

Miscellaneous Activities Division

During the month of February the labor employment office issued Certificates of Registration to 812 employment applicants. Up to February 28, a total of 8,175 such certificates had been issued by the employment office.

Field Engineering and Construction

Engineering—In addition to regular work, diamond drill borings were made on the site of the Hayfield pump lift to furnish additional data for the pump lift structures.

Testing Laboratory—Three courses of instruction for concrete inspectors were given during the month. Up to this

time 50 men had been given this instruction.

Operation of Utilities—During February a total of 6,001,543 kw-hours of power was used; about 16,196 (long distance) telephone calls were handled, and 1,932,620 cubic feet of water delivered.

Parker Dam—Bureau of Reclamation—Six Companies resumed construction work on February 14, and completed the access road to the lower portals of the diversion tunnels. The excavation of the lower outlet channels was begun.

Aqueduct Construction—(See tunnel progress table on Page 6 for current progress figures.)

Civil Engineering Division

Specifications—Five sets of specifications were issued during the month; bids were opened and analyzed under six previously issued specifications; five contracts were prepared, checked, and executed.

Design—A second series of tests on the siphon transition model at Sawtelle reservoir was undertaken and the bulkheads at the Fan Hill conduit were recaulked preparatory to further tests on the structure.

Distribution—Construction work on the Pasadena and Monrovia tunnels was launched during the month.

Electrical Engineering Division

The structural designing section completed its work on the transmission line during the month and took up the design of the pumping plant foundations. Work was continued on the connecting structures between the aqueduct and the pumping plants. Several designs and estimates of costs were prepared for cottages to be used by the permanent operating organization on the 230 kv transmission line and at the main pumping plants. It is expected that a number of these cottages will be used by the District's engineers during the construction period.

Personnel Division

The net labor turnover for all divisions for January reached a new low point of 4.07 per cent. The net turnover for classified positions was .93 per cent and for unclassified positions 6.31 per cent.

Purchasing Division

Purchase orders issued during the month of February amounted to approximately \$275,676.82, representing an issuance of 1,377 orders.

Accounting and Costkeeping

Actual costs to February 28 amounted to \$35,619,559.55, covering portions of works and activities, the total cost of which is estimated at \$110,299,543.

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Distribution	R. B. Diemer

SUPERINTENDENTS

(Tunnel)

Colorado River, Copper Basin and Whipple Mt. Tunnels, Walsh Construction Co., F. T. Huntington, Gen. Supt.; W. A. Huntington and Jack Lamey, Tunnel Supts.

Coxcomb Tunnel and Iron Mt. shaft, Winston Bros., E. A. Bernard, Gen. Supt.; F. T. Hillman and R. R. Johnson, Tunnel Supts.

Iron Mt. Tunnel, West Portal, Utah Constr. Co., Ben Arp, Gen. Supt.

East Eagle Mt. Tunnel and West Eagle Mt. Tunnel, east portion, Broderick & Gordon, C. J. Kavanagh, Gen. Supt.

West Eagle Mt. Tunnel, west portion, L. E. Dixon and Bent Bros., P. C. Quinn, Gen. Supt.

Hayfield Tunnel No. 1, Hunkin & Conkey Constr. Co., G. B. Hoag, Gen. Supt.; F. Backlund, Tunnel Supt.

Hayfield Tunnel No. 2, Shofner & Gordon, H. E. Warden, Gen. Supt.

Cottonwood Tunnel, J. F. Shea Co., Inc., Gilbert Shea, Gen. Mgr.; Wallace Young, Master Mechanic.

Mecca Pass Tunnels, Morrison-Knudsen—Completed.

Coachella Division, R. M. Merriman, Division Supt.

Yellow Canyon Adit, E. Coachella Tunnel—District Force Account.....R. L. Bryant

Fargo Adit, East Coachella Tunnel—District Force Account.....J. H. Manwaring

Berdoe Adit, East Coachella Tunnel—District Force Account.....F. A. Weller

Pushawalla Adit, East Coachella Tunnel—District Force Account.....Kenneth MacIsaac

Thousands Palms—District Force Account.....D. L. Reaburn

Wide Canyon—District Force Account.....John Jackman

Long Canyon—District Force Account.....C. E. Sides

Little Morongo—District Force Account.....

Whitewater Tunnels, West Constr. Co., H. E. Carleton, Gen. Supt.; Angus MacDonnell, Tunnel Supt.

San Jacinto Tunnel, District Force Account, C. R. Rankin, Gen. Supt.; E. E. McCabe, W. L. Taylor, and Jack Stone, Tunnel Supts.

Bernasconi Tunnel, Hamilton & Gleason Co., Alex Simpson, Tunnel Supt., H. F. Stocker, Concrete Supt.

Valverde Tunnel, Dravo Contr. Co., R. W. Remp, Gen. Supt.; H. C. Richardson, Asst. Gen. Supt.; Fred Youmans, Tunnel Supt.; John Will, Concrete Supt.

SUPERINTENDENTS

(Canal, Siphon, Conduit)

Schedules Nos. 5 and 5A, Jahn & Bressi Construction Company, Joseph Muscolo, Gen. Supt.; Dominick Bressi, Asst. Gen. Supt.; C. M. Ellison, Concrete Supt.

Schedules Nos. 7 and 7A, Barrett & Hilp & Macco Corporation, Jesse S. Smith, Gen. Supt.; H. W. McKinley, Excav. Supt.; Robt. McCune, Concrete Supt.

Schedules Nos. 6, 8, 8A and 8B, Clyde W. Wood and M. J. Bevanda, A. F. Weesner, Gen. Supt.; L. L. Green, Excav. Supt.; A. V. Fisher and V. S. Price, Concrete Supts.

Schedules Nos. 9, 9A, 9B, and 9C, The Utah Construction Company, Ben Arp, Gen. Supt.; E. C. Caldwell, Excav. Supt.

Schedules Nos. 10, 10A and 10B, Aqueduct Construction Company, C. M. Elliott, Gen. Supt.; Charles Harlowe, Jr., Excav. Supt.

Schedules Nos. 12 and 12A, Three Companies, Inc., Charles G. Clapp, Supt.

Schedules Nos. 14, 15 and 16, Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc., William Hayes, Gen. Supt.; Thomas McIlvenna and Joseph Rice, Field Supts.; Rodney Smith, resident engineer.

Schedule 18-J, Morrison-Knudsen, George Fitter, Gen. Supt.

Schedule No. 20, J. F. Shea Co., Inc., H. F. Remmerbohm, Supt.

Schedules Nos. 21 and 23, The Griffith Company, Harry Davis, Supt.

BEST PROGRESS This Period

6-day week: Fargo Canyon West, 763 ft.
7-day week: Whipple Mt. East, 753 ft.

TUNNEL PROGRESS

Feb. 16 to March 15, 1935
Tunnel Excavated to Date, 64.74 Miles

BEST WEEK'S PROGRESS This Year

6-day week: Seven Palms West, 225 ft.
7-day week: Whipple Mt. East, 244 ft.

TUNNELS ON FORCE ACCOUNT

EAST COACHELLA TUNNEL	Sched.	(96,605)					LONG CANYON	(15,295)				
Yellow Canyon Adit		686		0	686		E. Portal	7	72	9.3	667	
East from adit	1	10,204		0	10,204		W. Portal	8			7323	
West from adit	1	10,076	71	5.5	391	11,368				0	0	
Fargo Canyon Adit		891		0	891		BLIND CANYON	(6848)				
East from adit	2	11,850	74	8.8	648	10,339	E. Portal	8			0	
West from adit	2	15,200	72	10.6	763	8916	W. Portal	8	6848		5580	
Berdoe Canyon Adit		2042		0	2042							
East from adit	3	15,824	72	7.9	571	11,123	MORONGO No. 1	(5712)				
West from adit	3	12,456	72	8.7	623	11,734	E. Portal	8			0	
							W. Portal	8	5712		5364	
Pushawalla Canyon Adit		2935		0	2935							
East from adit	4	10,186	74	5.8	432	9240	MORONGO No. 2	(1820)				
West from adit	4	10,809	72	7.3	528	8960	E. Portal	8			0	
							W. Portal	8	—		0	
WEST COACHELLA TUNNELS		(81,454)					SAN JACINTO	(67,415)				
THOUSAND PALMS							East from Cabazon	8553	84	1.9	162	
No. 1, West Portal	5	16,058					Cabazon shaft	246		0	1983	
No. 2, Tunnel	5	3838	72	6.6	474	9398	Cross drift	935		0	246	
					0	3838	West from Cabazon	22,839	84	0.6	48	
WIDE CANYON	Sched											
No. 1, E. Portal	5	5122	72	8.4	607	5671	East from Potrero	20,589	83	0	160	
No. 1, W. Portal	6	9183	45	6.5	294	8531	Potrero shaft	796		0	796	
No. 2 Tunnel		848				848	West from Potrero	6712	84	3.2	272	
							West Portal	8722	84	6.4	538	
SEVEN PALMS		(16,730)									5249	
E. Portal	6	8390		0	4810		Total excav. Force Acct. Tunnels	245,474				
W. Portal	7	8340	72	5.6	403	87306	excl. of Adits and Shafts	46.49	1259	5.9	7421	
							(In Miles)			1.41	154,322	
											29.23	
							Total Tunnel Excavation (Miles)	101.98		6.2 ft.	2.93	64.74

*Distribution System Tunnels—Diameter 10 ft., Total length 10.05 miles. Adits and Shafts not included in total footage.

NEWS FROM FIELD AND OFFICE

With considerable difficulty and apprehension a NEWS operative finally navigated the subterranean passages in the Banning building, which the District's chief "bulb-squeezers," Will Fox, has erroneously termed his studio, and ran down the rumor that he has acquired an assistant. It is true, and the new man is J. S. Irvin. He rocks the trays while Will is away.

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The Banning telephone department has employed J. J. Murphy as the new night operator and has transferred H. T. Swango from Berdoo to take the place of James Kettner. Jim is still working for Bud Weaver, but has been put on substation work.

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A bit of Winchellian flavor. And as Ben Bernie's friend might say, "What rising young engineer and airplane pilot and poor working gal middle-aisled it on March 3rd, last?" None other than Mr. J. Laurence Seright and Miss Ann Brahem, both of the M. W. D. field forces. Just recently Larry accepted a position in the Shell Oil Company's Geological office in Ventura and the newlyweds have moved to that city.

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R. J. Spencer of the Coachella Field forces has been transferred to the Banning clerical staff to fill the space left by the former Miss Brahem, now Mrs. Seright.

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Making another addition to the forces in Banning is the employment of Miss Edith Clegg in the Compensation Claims Division. Miss Clegg formerly worked in the Wenzel & Henoch offices in Beaumont, California.

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The last issue of the AQUEDUCT NEWS carried the announcement of the engagement of Miss Helen Belattie and Norman E. Humphrey of the Division No. 4 Engineers. Before the NEWS had gone to press this item was incorrect as the couple had slipped away to Yuma and were married on March 2. They will be at home at Indio to their friends during the Easter vacation. Norman certainly has been a busy man for several months. He not only has found time to attend to his engineering duties but has acquired an alfalfa ranch near El Centro as well as a new boss.

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H. A. Campbell is another member of the Division 4 engineering staff who has been transferred to the Distribution Division.

Flying during the month of March for the best camp records for safety, progress, and economy on the Coachella Division for February are:

Safety Flag—Fargo.
Progress Flag—Fargo.
Economy Flag—Fargo.

Congratulations of many District friends are extended to Sterling Beckwith who has resigned his post in the Electrical Division to accept the position of designing engineer in the Milwaukee office of the Allis-Chalmers Company where he will work on the design of large electrical machinery. Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith and their two children already have departed for the East. Before leaving Sterling issued a formal statement categorically denying intimations that the quality of Milwaukee beer had anything to do with his decision to reside in that city.

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At last the ladies have done it! Having reached the place where they absolutely could not stand for another minute the unrelieved monotony of listening to their menfolks talking about tunnels, canals, siphons, power lines, reinforcing steel, concrete, etc., etc. etc., a large percentage of the feminine population of Division 2 and 3 have organized in self defense. They have formed the Ocatilli Club at the meetings of which they will discuss gardening as a blessed relief. At the club's first meeting, held at the M. M. Lehman home at Granite substation, the following ladies were present: Mrs. D. C. Walker and Mrs. Allison B. Polley, Division 3; Mrs. E. A. Russell and Mrs. Walter Stone, Hayfield substation; Mrs. W. E. Whittier, Mrs. D. C. May, and Mrs. Fred Doolittle, Division 2; Mrs. J. A. Rieder and Mrs. M. M. Lehman, Granite substation.

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Arnold Jagow, Division 2 turtle-tamer, is gaining the confidence of his hay-burning crustacean by a diet of lettuce. Arnold heard that turtles are cold-blooded, and by the time he's trained the pet not to hiss, he figures it'll be hot enough to use him at nights as a bed-cooler.

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V. P. Pentegoff has been transferred from the engineering staff at Division 4 headquarters to the Pasadena tunnel job in the Distribution Division.

Byron Hill, former Registrar and Professor at Banning Tech (L. H. Tuttle's Concrete Lab to youse lugs) is now keeping an eye on concreting operations in Divisions 1, 2 and 3. Byron and Mrs. Hill look forward to joining the trailer colony at Division 2 Headquarters Camp.

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Because the work was unsigned, the NEWS gave no credit to the artist who drew the cartoon of Dick Taylor which appeared in the last issue. From Division Engineer Leadbetter, it has since been learned that the picture was the work of the gifted pen of Glenn C. Wright, of the Division 4 engineering staff.

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Division 2 announces the promotion of Concrete Plant Inspector Carl Connable, Arnold W. Jagow and John D. Mendenhall, formerly General Clerk and Instrumentmen respectively. Recent additions to the personnel include George Wood, General Clerk, and Joseph Kin-cannon, Bunk House Flunkey.

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Two new master mechanics at the West portal of San Jacinto are J. G. Brown, formerly of the Operating Department, and J. E. Brown, formerly of the Wide Canyon Aggregate plant.

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Rating changes on Division 6 were reported as follows: F. A. Loucks, junior engineer to earth work inspector; E. L. Cranford, instrumentman to concrete inspector; B. H. Davis, chainman to excavation inspector; T. J. Cain, chainman to instrumentman; E. L. Kanouse, field clerk to junior draftsman; K. H. Swart, chainman to junior engineer.

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Changes in rating on Division 3 this month affected the following: Alton Harrison, instrumentman to concrete inspector; R. L. Taunton, instrumentman to concrete inspector; Countland Munn, instrumentman to concrete inspector; L. B. Behlow, chainman to instrumentman.

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A new three-by-nine-foot road sign should head off many a needless trip to Rice by those looking for Division 2 Headquarters at East Iron Mountain. The crossing of Freda Siphon and the M. W. D. highway is to be similarly indicated.

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Chainman I. S. Reid has received an inspector's rating on Division 5.



Standing, left to right: F. S. Laird, construction superintendent; N. T. Johnson, field clerk; A. O. Dahlke, general clerk; Richard A. Chance, M. D., physician; W. P. Bowby, general clerk junior; N. I. Berg, chief clerk; W. D. Sheffey, storekeeper. Seated, left to right: J. E. Edwards, general clerk; A. E. McKenzie, general clerk; Miss Edna Anderson, stenographer; C. R. Rankin, general superintendent; Miss J. M. Hoge, secretary to Mr. Rankin; E. E. Stewart, junior clerk.

San Jacinto Tunnel Office Force Organized

Among the new visages now being seen around the Banning Field office on the San Jacinto tunnel work is that of C. R. Rankin, general superintendent. Mr. Rankin was for several years construction engineer for the Hetch-Hetchy project Coast Range tunnel. N. I. Berg, formerly a familiar figure around the L. A. office, is the chief clerk for the new force account work.

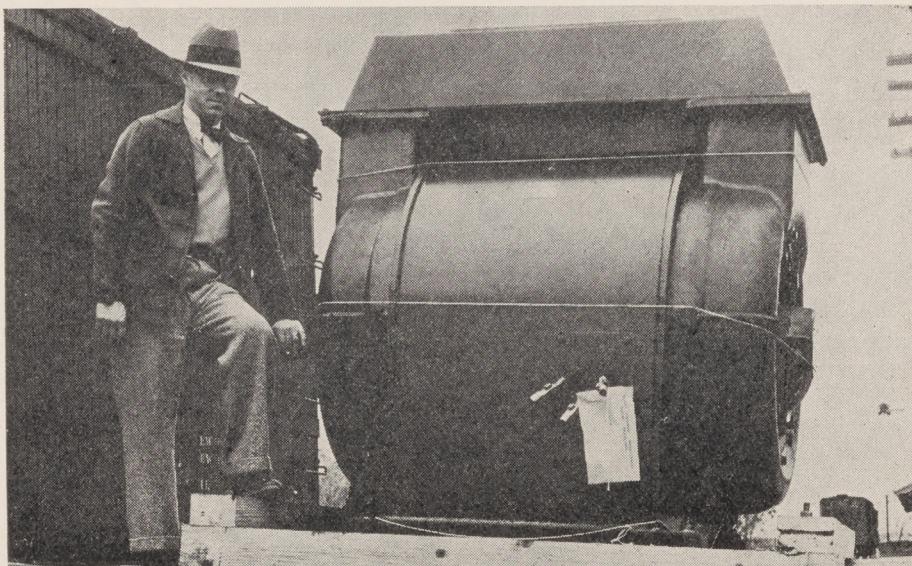
A. E. McKenzie is now the general clerk for the new clerical force. "Mac" was formerly chief timekeeper at Berdoo Headquarters Camp. W. D. Sheffey, who was the storekeeper at the Indio Warehouse, is also located in Banning trying to keep track of all the nuts and bolts. His charming assistant is Miss Edna Anderson, who was transferred from the Los Angeles office. E. E. Stewart, who was also working in L. A., has been moved to Banning.

Other transfers which have not been reported before are: N. T. Johnson, night telephone operator to field clerk; A. O. Dahlke from Berdoo Headquarters to Banning; W. P. Bowby from Long Canyon to Banning; Joe Edwards from the Indio Warehouse.

The new additions have been made to the District San Jacinto forces in the persons of Miss J. M. Hoge, who is secretary to Mr. Rankin and Richard A. Chance, M. D., who for the present is located in the Banning Field Headquarters building. Farrel Boyd, who was

formerly the timekeeper in the Banning office, is once again back on the District payrolls as Camp Clerk at Cabazon. The same is true of Miss Pat Murdick, who has been reemployed in the office of J. B. Bond.

E. A. Newton, Mox Stark, V. J. Collore, Jr., D. E. Garrison, T. S. Furlong, Art Killen, D. E. Prince, H. Haymes and J. G. Brown have all been transferred to the San Jacinto rolls.



One of the force draft ventilated motors used in the underground pumping station at Potrero shaft, San Jacinto tunnel. B. H. Martin of the Electrical Division is chaperoning the equipment as it leaves the box car.

Excavation Work At Bernasconi Completed

Hamilton & Gleason crews reached the end of the trail on Bernasconi tunnel at 11 A. M. on March 3, when excavation of 6,220 feet of tunnel had been completed.

The four by four foot ventilation shaft from the surface at the west end of the tunnel was completed on March 7, and the trimming of rock to "A" line was started from the East portal.

Walsh to Concrete

Arrangements have been practically completed for a concrete plant to serve the tunnel lining operations of the Walsh Construction Company. Walsh crews have finished the trimming of walls and arch in the Colorado tunnel, and final clean-up for the wall footings has been started. T. J. Martin of the Walsh organization has been transferred to Copper Basin camp to take charge of tunnel lining and all concreting.

Patrol Road Begun

Bennet & Taylor crews are well under way with the construction of the Whipple Mountain Patrol Road, a \$79,476 contract for which was awarded last month. The contractor started rough grading at the southerly end of the work, and has advanced approximately two miles, moving approximately 3,000 cubic yards.